

In re: El-Fekih et al.
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REMARKS

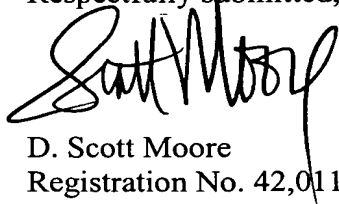
In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 4, 2005, Applicants hereby elect claims 1 -34, 46 - 79, and 91 - 124 corresponding to Invention I. Applicants have canceled claims 35 - 40, 80 - 85, and 125 - 130 corresponding to Invention II, and claims 41 - 45, 86 - 90, and 131 - 135 corresponding to Invention III. These cancellations are being made without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications for these claims and/or other claims.

Applicants are not traversing the restriction requirement because Applicants agree that the unpatentability of Invention I would not necessarily imply the unpatentability of Inventions II and/or III.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above discussion, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

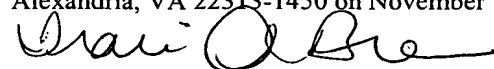


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